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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
RITSUKO OTAKE)
Appln. No.: 09/761,759)
Filed: January 18, 2001)
For: IMAGE OUTPUT CONTROL)
APPARATUS, IMAGE OUTPUT)
CONTROL METHOD, AND)
STORAGE MEDIUM, FOR)
SELECTING BETWEEN FIRST AND)
SECOND OUTPUT MODES (AS)
AMENDED))
Examiner: Lucas Divine
Group Art Unit: 2624
Allowed: June 27, 2005
August 9, 2005

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed June 27, 2005, the Examiner listed reasons for the allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims. For example, there is no recitation in Claim 29 that the image output mode selection unit selects "automatically". Nor is there output "to" output devices, but rather --using-- the output devices. Further, Claims 43 and 50 are

directed to a method and medium and do not recite any units. Nevertheless, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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